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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-713-i8)

In re Application of: )  
Chad A. Mirkin, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/974,007 )  
Filed: October 10, 2001 )  
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING )  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED )  
THERETO AND USES THEREFOR )  
Examiner: Jezia Riley  
Art Unit: 1637  
Confirmation no.: 8209

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 16, 2003**

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003.